

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yasunori CHIBA et al.

Title: NOVEL YEAST MUTANTS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
GLYCOPROTEIN CONTAINING MAMMALIAN TYPE SUGAR
CHAIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 3, 7 – 9, 11 – 14, 21 – 23, 25 – 28, following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended, cancel claims 31 and 32, and add new claims 33 - 38. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

3. (Twice Amended) The yeast mutant according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the auxotrophic mutation trait is selected from ura3 mutation, his3 mutation, leu2 mutation, ade2 mutation, trp1 mutation, and can1 mutation.